

City of Evansville
Park & Recreation Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 19th, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1. Call to order by Chairperson Morrison at 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll call: Espinosa, Fuson, Hamilton, Merrit, Poock, Prudhon, Morrison. Also present Chad Renly, Ray Anderson, Leah Hurlley, Jason Sergeant.
3. Motion to approve the agenda made by Fuson seconded by Prudhon
4. Motion to waive the reading of the December 15th, 2020 minutes and approve them as printed made by Fuson, seconded by Prudhon. Approved by voice vote
5. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed
 - A. Senior project proposal– Gavin Frey: Would like to build birdhouses for the Evansville City Parks. Motion to approve this senior project with help by Ray Anderson made by Prudhon and seconded by Poock. Approved on a voice vote.
6. New business
7. Parks report
 - A. Boy Scout event discussion – update: Keith Henning and Andy Olasen presented the plan for the event to be held at Lake Leota on Saturday, February 13. Andy felt there was plenty of space on the lake to allow for social distancing and are expecting 25 to 50 participants. Not all participants will be there all day. All activities would be outdoors, but the lunch will be prepared in the Scout House. Keith has secured outdoor heaters so they can eat outdoors more comfortably. Poock asked that masks be worn if the participants are in close proximity during special group events and that no more than 10 be allowed at any session. Members of the Board referred to the Rock County COVID guidelines for guidance. All of the guidelines point to moving events outdoors and doesn't put a limit on events in the public parks. Leah Hurlley pointed to the fact that the shelters were rented during the past year with a COVID waiver. Poock moved that the Boy Scouts can hold the Jamboree event following the guidelines set forth by both the Board and Rock County, seconded by Hamilton and passed on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - B. Dam repair – (place holder): Renly reported that he would be getting the plans and drawings from the engineers by the end of the current week.
 - C. Ice skating rink – update: Anderson and Renly looked at locations. The retention pond at Countryside Park was not viable due to parking and other issues. A location next to the West Side Park parking lot looks like it would be workable. Renly also researched kits to create a rink but found they were cost prohibitive. Alternatives

included hay bails and plastic sheeting. Volunteers would be needed to remove snow from the rink as it would be placed on a low priority for the city. The intent to have a rink in place next winter.

- D. 2021 creek walls and 2nd duck house (place holder): No new information.
 - E. Park security & internet (place holder): Will probably set up cameras in the spring.
 - F. Dog park update (place holder): No new information.
 - G. General park report, Anderson had nothing to report.
8. Pool report
- A. Leak/paint repairs (place holder): No updates
9. Old business
- A. 2021 Baseball schedule / Fee Schedule: Leah Hurtley reported that there haven't been any meetings with the coaches due to the lack of fee schedule. Draft of last year's fee schedule should be used. Jon Frey will send a note to Leah about the Jays schedule. Troy Larson President of the Evansville Angels girls softball club said the number of participants is growing. They have been using the school diamonds but hoping to expand the schedule and hoping to use some of the city diamonds. The lower diamond would be acceptable for softball. Anderson will work with Larson if minor changes need to be made.
 - B. Park & pool design update (place holder): Jason Segreant presented the draft RFP for engineering and design services. He asked the Board to review and contact him with any comments so that it can be finalized at the February meeting.
 - A. Adopt a Park Program (place holder): No updates.
10. Other: Hamilton submitted his resignation having served on the Board for six years and asked that the city find a replacement for him. His service is appreciated. Chairperson Morrison will inform the Mayor.
11. Meeting Reminder:
- A. Regular meeting on February 16th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
12. Motion to adjourn, motion made by Hamilton and seconded by Espinosa. Approved by voice vote at 7:26 pm.

